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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name BLATCHLEY, WILLIS S. HOUSE

other names/site number N/A; FMSF# PI1701

2. Location

street & number 232 Lee Street N/A not for publication

city or town Dunedin N/A vicinity

state FLORIDA code FL county Pinellas code 103 zip code 34698-5726

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Barbara C. Mattick/Interim SHPO 8/7/2009
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State Historic Preservation Officer, Division of Historical Resources
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register See continuation sheet
- determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain) _____

Love
Signature of the Keeper
Edson H. Beall 9-23-09
Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- buildings
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include any previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	buildings
0	0	sites
0	1	structures
0	0	objects
1	2	total

Name of related multiple property listings

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

VACANT/Not in Use

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

NO STYLE/Wood Frame Vernacular

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Wood

roof Asphalt Shingle

other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

SCIENCE/ENTOMOLOGY

Period of Significance

1915-1939

Significant Dates

1915

Significant Person

Blatchley, Dr. Willis S.

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Arch: Unknown

Blder: Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 36) has been requested
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
Other State Agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of Repository

#

BLATCHLEY, DR. WILLIS S. HOUSE
Name of Property

Pinellas Co., FL
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one

UTM References

(Place additional references on a continuation sheet.)

1	17	324020	3100670
Zone	Easting	Northing	
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Zone	Easting	Northing	
4			

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Tom Burke, City Engineer, City of Dunedin

street & number Post Office Box 1348 telephone (727) 298-3175

city or town Dunedin state Florida zip code 34697

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DUNEDIN, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA
DESCRIPTION

SUMMARY

The Willis S. Blatchley House is a 2½-story, Wood Frame Vernacular residence that occupies a plot of land at the intersection of Lee Street and Broadway Boulevard that overlooks the St. Joseph Sound, a bay of the Gulf of Mexico. The residence has a pyramidal roof with three gable dormers. The roof is surfaced with asphalt shingles. The exterior walls are sheathed with weatherboard, and the house rests on a low brick pier foundation. There is a one-story, gable-roofed ell at the rear (north) elevation of the house, and a one-story, hipped roof veranda embraces the north, west, and south sides of the house. The veranda features tapered wood (bungalow) columns that rest on painted wood bases. The veranda has a wooden deck that has been covered with thin clay tiles. The major fenestration is 1/1-light double-hung sash windows. An exterior brick chimney is found on the north elevation of the house, next to which is a second story balcony with a metal railing that rests on the veranda roof. There is a second small balcony occupying the gable dormer that overlooks the Gulf of Mexico. The rear (north) yard has a concrete patio in the center of which is a noncontributing kidney-shaped former swimming pool and Jacuzzi that has been filled in with earth and surfaced with a concrete slab. The Jacuzzi now serves as a planter. There is a small wood frame pump house next to the former swimming pool and a wood frame storage sheds found farther toward the rear of the property. Both buildings are noncontributing. The property is bordered on three sides by a wire fence, but has open access to the waterfront. Some of interior of the house no longer reflects its historic appearance.

SETTING

Dunedin is a city in Pinellas County, Florida. The name comes from the Scots Gaelic Dùn Èideann meaning Edinburgh. The population of the city is approximately 37,000 residents. The city, one of the oldest towns on the West Coast of Florida, has a wooded and subtropical setting with almost four miles of picturesque waterfront. It is home to several beaches, including Honeymoon Island, and Caladesi Island State Park. Dunedin is one of the few open waterfront communities from Sarasota to Cedar Key where buildings do not almost completely obscure the view; a 1-mile stretch of Edgewater Drive (also known as Alternate US 19) south of downtown offers views of St. Joseph Sound, Clearwater Beach, and Caladesi Island. Dunedin is easy to get to from all points in the Tampa Bay area. Highways serving the area include U.S. 19, making trips easy to Tarpon Springs to the North and Clearwater and St. Petersburg to the South. The community is easily accessible from major airports such as Tampa International, just 18 miles away, and nearby St. Petersburg/Clearwater International Airport, serviced by some domestic and many charter flights. The Dr. Willis S. Blatchley House is located on a large shaded lot overlooking St. Joseph Sound that gives a direct view of Caladesi Island State Park.

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PRESENT AND ORIGINAL DESCRIPTION

Exterior Description

The Willis Blatchley House is found at the intersection of three streets, Lee Street, Bayshore Boulevard, and Broadway Street (Photo 1). Lee Street is the dividing point of Bayshore and Broadway, which are continuous north-south thoroughfares. Lee Street runs west toward St. Joseph Sound until it intersects Victoria Drive, which runs along the shore of the bay. The Blatchley property is bounded by a chain-link fence and is entered via wrought iron gates attached to rubble-stone pillars atop which are set cast concrete eagles with their wings outstretched (Photo 2). The chain-link fence replaces a "hog wire" and wooden board fence that originally bordered the property. The metal gates, stone piers, and eagles were probably installed c. 1991.¹ The present concrete driveway (Photos 3-4) and patio were constructed about the same time. The former swimming pool and Jacuzzi (Photos 5-7), however, date from c. 1971.² A photo of the house taken from Lee Street c. 1918 (Photo 8) shows that the house still retains much of its original appearance; however, the columns at the time were not tapered, although they did rest on the same, or similar, wooden bases. The tapered columns were added c. 1926 (Photo 9), perhaps as a modernization of the residence that had been constructed 11 years earlier. Even in these early photos, one can see that the house is set low to the ground; however, it does not rest on grade. Photos of the foundation (Photo 10) reveal that the house rests on low brick piers. The house also retains its wooden deck on the veranda, although it has been surfaced with clay tiles.

The major fenestration of the house is irregularly placed 1/1-light double-hung wood sash windows of different sizes; however, the dormer windows have single panel casement windows (Photo 11). The main facade of the building overlooks St. Joseph Sound on the West. The three French doors (Photo 12) represent the original entrance arrangement of the house; however, the existing doors are probably not the original ones. The solid wood double door at the south end of the facade replaced a large double-hung window and was probably installed c. 1970. There is also a door to the kitchen on the north elevation of the house and a door to the bathroom in the ell (Photo 5). There is also a door to the laundry room on the east side of the ell (Photo 4). The second story balcony to the master bedroom can also be found on the north side of the house, as can the brick chimney that serves the fireplace in the living room (Photo 5). Another small balcony for the attic room is found in the dormer on the west facade (Photo 13). There is one small outbuilding on the property, a pump house (Photo 7), constructed c. 1971, that still contains the machinery for filling and circulating the water in the former swimming pool.

¹ Pinellas County Property Appraiser Record for 232 Lee Street.

² Ibid.

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Interior Description

The interior of the first floor consists of three rooms: a living room, dining room, and kitchen. There is also a bathroom and laundry room in the rear ell. Three of the living room walls have been covered with wood paneling (Photo 14). The north wall has been surface from floor to ceiling with brick (Photo 15). The fireplace is non-historic. These changes were probably made c. 1991. The wooden spiral staircase was undoubtedly purchased as a kit from a vendor such as Precision Pine, Inc. (Photo 16).³ The dining room (Photo 17) still retains its original plastered walls, wainscoting, and ceiling. The wall between the dining room and the kitchen, including the counter-top opening, also appears to be original (Photo 18). The appliances in the kitchen, however, have all been replaced, probably in 1971. The second floor, has two bedrooms and two baths (Photos 19-22). Another non-historic wooden spiral stairway (Photos 23-24) provides access to a small loft bedroom, which has a small bathroom located in the east dormer (Photo 25) and doorway opening onto the balcony overlooking the St. Joseph's Sound (Photos 26-27).

Proposed Restoration Activities for the Blatchley House

The City of Dunedin plans to undertake restoration of the historic house built by naturalist Dr. Willis S. Blatchley, to convert it into a museum and nature center. The project will include restoration of exterior of the building, the replacement of the existing staircases with ones more appropriate to the period of the construction of the house, and returning the wall surfaces and fireplace in the living room to their historic appearance.

³ Precision Pine, Inc., <http://www.spiralstaircase.com/>.

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SIGNIFICANCE

SUMMARY

The Dr. Willis S. Blatchley House is significant under Criterion B at the statewide level as the sole remaining resource associated with the nationally known entomologist who made the house his winter residence in Dunedin, Florida, from 1915 to 1939. Blatchley was a distinguished naturalist from Indiana who worked from his Florida home to explore the world of nature around Dunedin and elsewhere in southern Florida, and write some of his nature-study books and parts of his classic volumes on orders of insects. His books and other writings on Florida insects included A Nature Wooing at Ormond by the Sea (1902), My Nature Book, Notes on the Natural History of the Vicinity of Dunedin, Florida (1931), and In Days Agone: Notes on the Fauna and Flora of Subtropical Florida in the Days When Most of Its Area Was a Primeval Wilderness (1932). Blatchley discovered numerous previously unidentified and unclassified insects in Florida, described them in detail and made drawings of them. Some species he found on his waterfront property in Dunedin. He found others on expeditions to Key West, Fort Myers, Gainesville, and other communities, as well, searching the remaining wilderness sections of the state.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Dunedin, a modern-day suburb of St. Petersburg, is the second oldest community along Florida's Gulf Coast. Only the island settlement of Cedar Key, approximately 70 miles northwest, preceded Dunedin's founding. The earliest settlers came to the Dunedin area around 1850, mostly from the Southeastern states, planting cotton and citrus trees. During its formative years, settlers informally referred to it as Jonesboro, because of the sign affixed to G.L. Jones general store. In 1882 John O. Douglas and James Somerville, two merchants from Scotland, opened a store and saw a chance to direct more business their way by petitioning the U.S. government to establish a post office. These immigrants likened the community to Edinburgh, their revered home, and successfully petitioned for the community's post office to be named Dunedin, the Scottish capital's Gaelic name. The town of Dunedin received its original charter for incorporation in 1898. By 1900, Dunedin was a small town with a population of 113 citizens. Dunedin was a late bloomer in the Florida Land Boom. In February 1924, the Dunedin Times reported that George Washburn had purchased a large tract of land on Edgewater Drive on which to build residences. One of the attractions of the growing community was the Fenway Hotel meant to entice tourists and prospective land buyers.

The arrival of Scottish settlers through the late 1870s and early 1880s brought a strengthened sense of community identity. Developers L.B. Skinner and Robert Grant sold a 1500 acre tract north of Dunedin to Edward S. Frischkorn of Detroit, Michigan, launching Dunedin in the floodtide of the boom. Even as the real estate boom began to lag, Frischkorn cleared, platted and promoted land. Trains and buses brought northern visitors with money to spend to view the burgeoning development of Dunedin Isles, which was to include two 18-hole golf courses, a country club, hotel, marinas, and homes for 50,000 new residents. By 1926, the publicized \$3-million value of the project had risen to \$63-million. By 1928, however, the tax rolls for Dunedin

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showed 700 properties owned by Dunedin Isles delinquent. By 1930, the project had failed, and in the 1940s the properties were liquidated for debts.

Willis S. Blatchley

Willis Stanley Blatchley (1859-1940) was born in North Madison, Connecticut, and brought by his parents to Hendricks County, Indiana, in 1860. In 1862 the family moved to Putnam County, Indiana, where Blatchley received his elementary education. He entered Indiana University in March 1883, where he majored in science (botany, zoology, and geology), and was graduated in 1887. Blatchley married Clara A. Fordyce (1854-1928), of Russellville, Indiana, in 1882. They had two sons, Raymond Silliman Blatchley (1883-1953) and Ralph F. Blatchley (1885-1955). Willis Blatchley was a charter member of the Indiana Academy of Science, was made Fellow in 1893, and served as President in 1903. Later, after leaving the Indiana Survey, he also secured national standing as an entomologist and became known as Indiana's greatest naturalist. Indiana University honored him with the LL.D. degree in 1921. From 1887-1894 he taught science in Wiley High School in Terre Haute. He received his master's degree from Indiana University in 1891 and was elected State Geologist of Indiana on the Republican ticket in 1894, a position which he held until 1911. From 1913 until his death he wintered in Dunedin, Florida, and spent his summers in Indiana, writing and collecting scientific specimens. Biographical material on Blatchley and lists of his writings appear in Blatchleyana I and II, a list of the published writings of W.S. Blatchley: Together with a chronology of his life: the fixation of types of new genera and species described by him.⁴

At the invitation of H. Foster Bain, the first Director of the Illinois State Geological Survey (ISGS), Blatchley came to the ISGS in 1906 to help initiate the Survey's first program in petroleum geology. That same year, Blatchley developed and published details of the petroleum industry of southeastern Illinois, which was especially relevant since the state was in the middle of an oil boom that started in 1904. This report, with contributions from others, appeared as only the second bulletin in the Survey's Bulletin series. In his report, Blatchley included some "skeleton logs" from a number of boreholes in Clark, Crawford, and Lawrence counties, some of which had been collected by Arthur W. Lewis. Lewis was detailed by Bain during the winter of 1905 to 1906 to collect such records and other data as circumstances permitted. The work of R.S. Blatchley and A.W. Lewis represented the beginning of the Survey's efforts in petroleum geology and of its modern Geological Records Unit. Blatchley returned to resume his position as State Geologist of the Indiana Survey, a position he held until 1911.⁵

⁴ Blatchley Manuscripts (Bloomington, IN: Lilly Library, University of Indiana, Biographical material on Blatchley and lists of his writings appear in Blatchleyana I and II, 1930-1939.

⁵ "Willis S. Blatchley, Petroleum Geology," Illinois State Geological Survey, <http://www.isgs.illinois.edu/about-isgs/heritage/blatchley-w.shtml>

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Blatchley's work as a naturalist up to this time had been almost wholly done in Indiana but, on January 3, 1911, a few days after his term as State Geologist expired, he and his wife, accompanied by Judge Lucius Hubbard of South Bend, Indiana, traveled to Florida for the winter. The Judge was especially interested in botany and in fishing. From Jacksonville, where they remained a few days, the party took the trip by boat up the St. John's River to Sanford, then went across the state by rail and down the west coast to St. Petersburg. Finding collecting conditions there very poor they went on down to Sarasota, where Blatchley and his wife rented a cottage. While there he and the judge hired a horse and wagon and drove 25 miles westward to the Myakka River where, in a wooded area on one of its banks, they found a fine camping place. Here, Blatchley recalled, "the Judge caught many kinds of fishes while I hunted insects and birds."⁶

Beginning in 1913, the Blatchley family would arrive in Dunedin in October and remain until April when they returned home to Indiana. Willis Blatchley cleared the land for his Dunedin residence with his own hands. Construction of the house was completed in 1915. Surrounding the house were plants and trees planted by Willis Blatchley and his wife Clara. There were only about 400 people living in Dunedin in 1913. Blatchley lamented the loss of Dunedin's pristine natural appearance during the years he spent his winters there.

Blatchley passed the winters of 1916 to 1920 in Florida making numerous trips down into the Everglades region and to Cape Sable, Key West, and the Ten Thousand Islands. On these trips he found numerous insects, especially Orthoptera,⁷ previously unrecorded in guides to American entomology which he used with his previously published papers on that group, to prepare his Orthoptera of Northeastern America, an illustrated volume of 784 pages, published in 1920.⁸ This was followed by Heteroptera⁹ or True Bugs of Eastern North America, an illustrated volume of 1186 pages which was published in 1926.¹⁰ The work on Heteroptera was the fourth and last of his larger manuals. In them he had used as simple language as possible with a view of helping the beginner, but they were comprehensive enough to be of aid to advanced students. In one volume they furnished information which otherwise would have to be sought through hundreds of books and pamphlets.¹¹ Beginning in 1930, using his notebooks, he wrote and published two nature books— My Nature Nook; Notes on the Natural History of Dunedin. The other was In Days Agone: Notes on the Fauna and Flora of Subtropical Florida in the Days When Most of Its Area Was a Primeval Wilderness.

Willis Blatchley cleared the land for his Dunedin residence with his own hands. Construction of the house was completed in 1915. Surrounding the house were plants and trees planted by Willis Blatchley and his wife Clara.

⁶ Willis S. Blatchley, Days of a Naturalist, An Autobiography of Willis S. Blatchley (reprinted from Bios, Vol. XII, No. 3) October 1941, Mount Vernon, Iowa, p. 150.

⁷ Orthoptera (from the Greek for straight-winged) are in order of insects including the grasshoppers, crickets and locusts.

⁸ Blatchley, Days of a Naturalist, p. 150.

⁹ Heteroptera is Greek for "different wings": most species have forewings with both membranous and hardened portions.

¹⁰ Blatchley, Days of a Naturalist, p. 151.

¹¹ Ibid.

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Blatchley's diary My Nature Nook, subtitled "Notes on the Natural History of the Vicinity of Dunedin, Florida," deals with the environment of Dunedin and his winter home between 1913 and 1930.¹² There were only about 400 people living in Dunedin in 1913. Another book, In Days Agone (also written in diary form) deals with plant and animal life observed and collected over much of southern Florida between 1911 and 1922. During these field trips, more than 250 new species of insects were discovered and described. Blatchley also completed the writing of his manual, Heteroptera, or True Bugs of Eastern North America, with Especial Reference to the Faunas of Indiana and Florida, while wintering in Dunedin. Blatchley lamented the loss of Dunedin's pristine natural appearance during the years he spent his winters there. In 1931, he wrote about the changes in the appearance of the community since he arrived in 1913: "Dunedin had then a unique beauty all its own and was known as the 'City of the Oaks.' Today, with its paved streets, whose borders are largely bereft of trees, it is only 'another town.' Like many others of its kind, its primitive beauty has fallen prey to the so-called 'advancing civilization.'"¹³

Blatchley wrote more than 200 scientific papers and books (see a partial list of his published works at the end of this section) and lectured throughout the United States. He was gifted in geology, botany, entomology, and zoology. During the later years of his life, Blatchley's vision began to fail and he had to stop work studying and drawing species of insects. He spent his winters in Dunedin reading and working on his trees, shrubs and vines, of which there were nearly 250 kinds growing on his lot. He died on May 28, 1940, at his summer home in Indianapolis,¹⁴ but his body was transported to Dunedin where he was buried at the local cemetery next to his wife.¹⁵ Clara Blatchley died of a heart attack in Dunedin on December 7, 1928,¹⁶ and was buried in the Dunedin cemetery.¹⁷

After Willis Blatchley's death, his son Ralph lived in the house until his death in 1955.¹⁸ Ralph became a permanent resident of Dunedin about the same time that Willis Blatchley constructed his Dunedin home. Willis Blatchley's other son, Raymond, lived in Los Angeles, California, where he died on September 27, 1953. Ralph's widow Elberta lived in the house until 1960, when she moved to Tennessee. Several persons lived at 243 Lee Street over the years, and the final occupant was Josiah C. Weaver.¹⁹ In October of 2008, the City of Dunedin agreed to purchase 6.5-acre J.C. Weaver property off Bayshore Boulevard north of downtown Dunedin

¹² Evelyn Wheeler Tower, Visitor's Guidebook to Delightful Dunedin, Florida Historic Areas & Other Places of Interest (Dunedin: Dunedin Historical Society, 1955), p. 36.

¹³ "You Know," Compiled by the Dunedin Historical Society and published Thursday, July 13, 1972, in the Dunedin Times, p. 3.

¹⁴ Dunedin Times. May 30, 1940.

¹⁵ Dunedin Cemetery Records.

¹⁶ William L. Davidson, Dunedin Through the Years, 1850-1978 (Charlotte, NC: Delmar Publishing Co., 1978), p. 63.

¹⁷ Dunedin Cemetery Records, <http://files.usgwarchives.net/fl/pinellas/cemetery/dunedin.txt>.

¹⁸ Polk's City Directory of Clearwater, Florida (Richmond, VA: R.L. Polk Publishing Company, 1955) p. 4 of the Dunedin Section.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, 1991; Josiah Weaver is a Florida songwriter, musician, businessman, and rancher.

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for \$7 million as well as \$850,000 for the adjoining property using Penny for Pinellas funds and a grant from the Florida Communities Trust, of the Florida Department of Community Affairs.²⁰

Partial list of Publications by Willis S. Blatchley

“On the Genus Aphredoderus,” Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, Vol. 37, (1885), pp. 136-137 (article consists of 2 pages)

A catalogue of the butterflies known to occur in Indiana. Indianapolis: Indiana Department of Geology and Natural Resources, 1891.

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On the Coleoptera known to occur in Indiana. Indianapolis: W.B. Burford, 1910.

Rhynchophora or weevils of north eastern America. Indianapolis: The Nature Publishing Company, 1916.

Orthoptera of Northeastern America with Especial Reference to Faunas of Indiana and Florida. Indianapolis, IN: The Nature Publishing Company, 1920.

Heteroptera, or true bugs of eastern North America, with especial reference to the faunas of Indiana and Florida. Indianapolis: The Nature Publishing Company, 1926.

An illustrated descriptive catalogue of the Coleoptera or beetles (exclusive of the Rhynchophora) known to occur in Indiana. Indianapolis, IN: The Nature Publishing Company, nd.

²⁰ St. Petersburg Times. October 4, 2008.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description

The historic boundaries of the Willis S. Blatchley House are those shown on the enclosed map showing the site and floor plans of the house that accompany this National Register Nomination Proposal.

Boundary Justification

The northern portion of the property not included within the boundary line does not contain any resources visibly or historically related with the life and works of Dr. Willis S. Blatchley. All of the historic resources associated with his life while it was his residence from c. 1915-1939 are encompassed by the boundary line shown on the map.

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Verbal Boundary Description

THAT PART OF S 130FT OF GOVT LOT 1 W OF BAYSHORE BLVD AND SUBM LAND
Parcel #27/28/15/00000/240/0100
Township 28S, Range 15E, Section 27

Boundary Justification

The northern portion of the above property does not contain any resources visibly or historically related with the life and works of Dr. Willis S. Blatchley. All of the historic resources associated with the life of Dr. Willis S. Blatchley while it was his residence from c. 1915-1939 are encompassed by the boundary shown on the site and floor plans accompanying this National Register Nomination Proposal.

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3. Stephanie Ferrell
4. February 2009
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